

Action Book Club Recommended Reading

In a twist on the traditional book club, Little Free Library's Action Book Club™ combines reading and community service. Participants read books on timely topics, engage in lively discussions, and take part in meaningful—and fun—group service projects to benefit their communities. This is reading and social engagement at its best.

We've compiled a list of recommended books that address previous Action Book Club themes: <u>Everyday Heroes</u>, <u>Come Together</u>, <u>Moving Forward</u>, <u>We Are Family</u>, <u>Many Voices</u>, <u>Good Neighbors</u>.

Everyone can take part in the Action Book Club program. That's why this list of suggested books—recommended by Little Free Library stewards, communities, and advisers—includes options for young readers, middle readers, and adults.





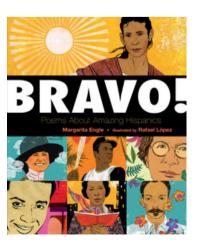


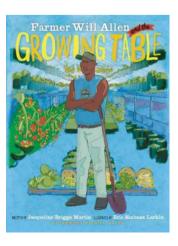


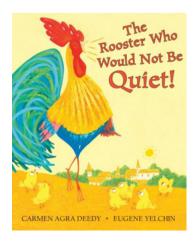


Everyday Heroes

- Brave by Stacy McAnulty, illustrated by Joanne Lew-Vriethoff (32 pp, Running Press, 2017).
- Bravo! Poems About Amazing Hispanics by Margarita Engle, illus. by Rafael López (48 pp, Henry Holt, 2017).
- Emmanuel's Dream: The True Story of Emmanuel Ofosu Yeboah by Laurie Ann Thompson, illustrated by Sean Qualls (40 pp, Schwartz & Wade, 2015).
- Farmer Will Allen and the Growing Table by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, illustrated by Eric-Shabazz Larkin (32 pp, Readers to Eaters, 2016).
- I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark by Debbie Levy, illustrated by Elizabeth Baddeley (40 pages, Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2016).
- The Infamous Ratsos by Kara LaReau, illustrated by Matt Myers (64 pages, Candlewick, 2017).
- Malala's Magic Pencil by Malala Yousafzai, illustrated by Kerascoët (48 pp, Little, Brown, 2017).
- Preaching to the Chickens: The Story of Young John Lewis by Jabari Asim, illustrated by E. B. Lewis (32 pp, Nancy Paulsen Books, 2016).
- The Rooster Who Would Not Be Quiet by Carmen Agra Deedy, illustrated by Eugene Yelchin (48 pp, Scholastic Press, 2017).
- Separate Is Never Equal: Sylvia Mendez and Her Family's Fight for Desegregation by Duncan Tonatiuh (40 pp, Harry N. Abrams, 2014).
- She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton, illustrated by Alexandra Boiger (32 pp, Philomel Books, 2017). Nonfiction.
- Waiting for the Biblioburro by Monica Brown, illustrated by John Parra (32 pp, Tricycle Press, 2016).





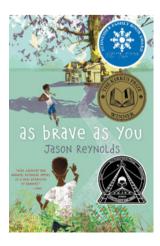


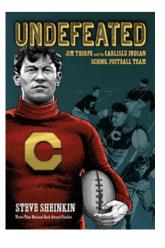


Everyday Heroes

Middle Readers

- As Brave as You by Jason Reynolds (432 pp, Atheneum/Caitlyn Dlouhy Books, 2017).
- The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind (Young Reader's Edition) by William Kamkwamba and Bryan Mealer (304 pp, Puffin Books, 2016).
- The Epic Fail of Arturo Zamora by Pablo Cartaya (256 pp, Viking Books for Young Readers, 2017).
- I Am Malala: How One Girl Stood Up for Education and Changed the World (Young Readers Edition) by Malala Yousafzai and Patricia McCormick (256 pp, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016).
- Hidden Figures (Young Readers Edition) by Margot Lee Shetterly (240 pp, HarperCollins, 2016).
- The Librarian of Auschwitz by Antonio Iturbe, translated by Lilit Thwaites (432 pp, Henry Holt, 2017).
- Marley Dias Gets It Done: And So Can You! by Marley Dias (208pp, Scholastic, 2018).
- My Brigadista Year by Katherine Paterson (160pp, Candlewick, 2017).
- The Tale of Despereaux by Kate DiCamillo, illustrated by Timothy Basil Ering (272 pp, Candlewick, 2015).
- Undefeated: Jim Thorpe and the Carlisle Indian School Football Team by Steve Sheinkin (288pp, Roaring Brook Press, 2017).
- The Vanderbeekers of 141st Street by Karina Yan Glaser (304pp, HMH Books for Young Readers, 2017).
- Wolf Hollow by Lauren Wolk (304 pp, Dutton Books for Young Readers, 2016).
- Wonder by R. J. Palacio (320 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2012).
- A Wrinkle in Time by Madeleine L'Engle (256 pp, Square Fish, 2017 movie tie-in edition).





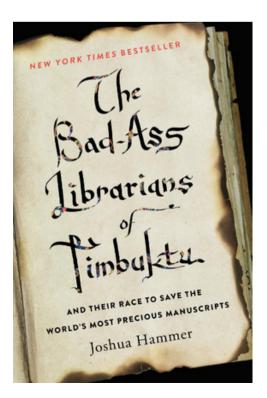


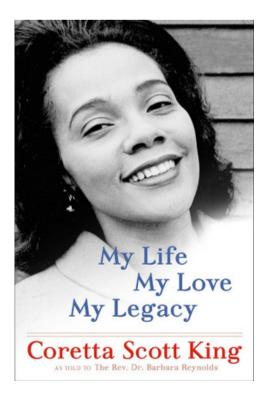


Everyday Heroes

Advanced & Adult Readers

- The Badass Librarians of Timbuktu: And Their Race to Save the World's Most Precious Manuscripts by Joshua Hammer (288 pp, Simon & Schuster, 2017).
- Beartown by Fredrik Backman (432 pp, Atria Books, 2017).
- Forged in Crisis: The Power of Courageous Leadership in Turbulent Times by Nancy Koehn (528 pp, Scribner, 2017).
- Future Home of the Living God by Louise Erdrich (432 pp, HarperLuxe, 2017).
- Heroes of the Frontier by Dave Eggers (448 pp, Vintage, 2017).
- Hidden Figures by Margot Lee Shetterly (368 pp, William Morrow, 2016).
- I Was Told to Come Alone: My Journey Behind the Lines of Jihad by Souad Mekhennet (368 pp, Henry Holt, 2017).
- Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan (448 pp, Scribner, 2017).
- My Life, My Love, My Legacy by Coretta Scott King and Rev. Dr. Barbara Reynolds (368 pp, Henry Holt, 2017).
- The Stars Are Fire by Anita Shreve (256 pp, Knopf, 2017).
- Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion by Gregory Boyle (240 pp, Free Press, 2011).
- The Woman Who Smashed Codes: A True Story of Love, Spies, and the Unlikely Heroine Who Outwitted America's Enemies by Jason Fagone (464 pp, Dey Street Books, 2017).

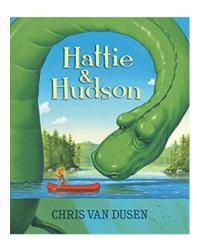


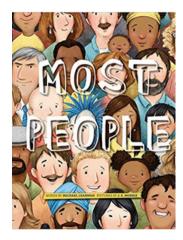




Come Together

- All Are Welcome by Alexandra Penfold, illustrated by Suzanne Kaufman (44 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- All of Us by Carin Berger (40 pp, Greenwillow Books, 2018).
- Being a Good Citizen: A Kids' Guide to Community Involvement by Rachelle Kreisman, illustrated by Tim Haggerty (32 pp, Red Chair Press, 2015).
- The Big Umbrella by Amy June Bates and Juniper Bates (40 pp, Paula Wiseman Books, 2018).
- The Day You Begin by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by Rafael López (32 pp, Nancy Paulsen Books, available August 2018).
- Drawn Together by Minh Lê, illustrated by Dan Santat (40 pp, Disney-Hyperion, 2018).
- Hattie and Hudson by Chris van Dusen (40 pp, Candlewick, 2017).
- Lend a Hand by John Frank, illustrated by London Ladd (32 pp, Lee & Low, 2014).
- Love by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Loren Long (40 pp, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- Most People by Michael Leannah, illustrated by Jennifer E. Morris (32 pp, Tilbury House Publishers, 2017).
- Something Happened in Our Town: A Child's Story About Racial Injustice by Marianne Celano, Marietta Collins, and Ann Hazzard, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin (40 pp, Magination Press, 2018).
- This Is How We Do It: One Day in the Lives of Seven Kids from around the World by Matt Lamothe (52 pp, Chronicle Books, 2017).
- What Can a Citizen Do? by Dave Eggers, illustrated by Shawn Harris (40 pp, Chronicle Books, available September 2018).





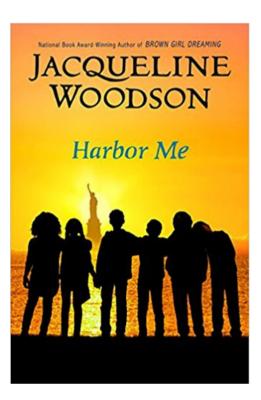


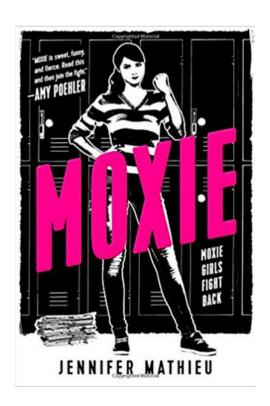


Come Together

Middle & Young Adult Readers

- Christopher Robin by Elizabeth Rudnick (288 pp, Disney, 2018).
- Dear Martin by Nic Stone (224 pp, Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017). Fiction.
- The Harlem Charade by Natasha Tarpley (320 pp, Scholastic, 2017).
- Harbor Me by Jacqueline Woodson (192 pp, Nancy Paulsen Books, available August 2018).
- The Hero Two Doors Down by Sharon Robinson (208 pp, Scholastic, 2017).
- Hello, Universe by Erin Entrada Kelly (320 pp, Greenwillow Books, 2017).
- The Lifters by Dave Eggers (352 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- Love, Hate and Other Filters by Samira Ahmed (288 pp, Soho Teen, 2018).
- Margo and Mateo Save the World by Darcy Miller (HarperCollins).
- Moxie by Jennifer Mathieu (336 pp, Roaring Brook Press, 2017).
- Refugee by Alan Gratz (352 pp, Scholastic, 2017).
- Save Me a Seat by Sarah Weeks and Gita Varadarajan (256 pp, Scholastic, 2016).
- Wishtree by Katherine Applegate (224 pp, Feiwel & Friends, 2017).





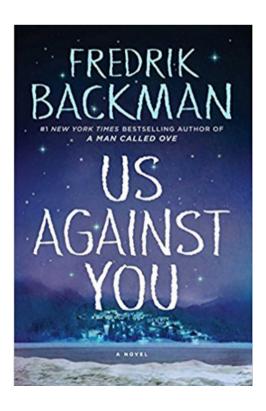


Come Together

Advanced & Adult Readers

- America for Beginners by Leah Franqui (320 pp, William Morrow, 2018).
- An American Marriage by Tayari Jones (320 pp, Algonquin Books, 2018).
- Braving the Wilderness: The Quest for True Belonging and the Courage to Stand Alone by Brené Brown (208 pp, Random House, 2017).
- Futureface: A Family Mystery, an Epic Quest, and the Secret to Belonging by Alex Wagner (352 pp, One World, 2018).
- The House of Broken Angels by Luis Alberto Urrea (336 pp, Little, Brown and Company, 2018).
- Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng (348 pp, Penguin Press, 2017).
- One Goal: A Coach, a Team, and the Game That Brought a Divided Town Together by Amy Bass (328 pp, Hachette Books, 2018).
- The Opposite of Hate by Sally Kohn (272 pp, Algonquin Books, 2018).
- The Person You Mean to Be by Dolly Chugh (320 pp, HarperBusiness, available September 2018).
- So You Want to Talk about Race by Ijeoma Oluo (256 pp, Seal Press, 2018).
- The Sun Does Shine: How I Found Life and Freedom on Death Row by Anthony Ray Hinton (272 pp, St. Martin's Press, 2018).
- There There by Tommy Orange (Knopf, 2018).
- Us Against You by Fredrik Backman (448 pp, Atria Books, 2018).



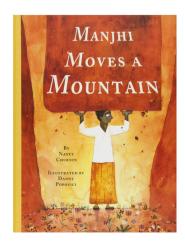


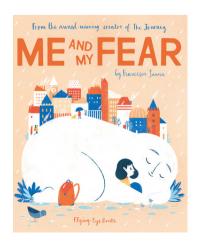


Moving Forward

- After the Fall (How Humpty Dumpty Got Back Up Again) by Dan Santat (40 pp, Roaring Brook Press, 2017)
- The Bad Seed by Jory John, illustrated by Pete Oswald (40 pp, HarperCollins, 2017).
- Grandma Gatewood Hikes the Appalachian Trail by Jennifer Thermes (48 pp, Harry N. Abrams, 2018).
- I Am Enough by Grace Byers, illustrated by Keturah A. Bobo (32 pp, Balzer + Bray, 2018).
- I Am Small by Qin Leng (40 pp, Kids Can Press, 2018).
- Jabari Jumps by Gaia Cornwall (32 pp, Candlewick, 2017).
- Listening with My Heart: A Story of Kindness and Self-Compassion by Gabi Garcia, illustrated by Ying Hui Tan (34 pp, Skinned Knee Publishing, 2017).
- Manjhi Moves a Mountain by Nancy Churnin, illustrated by Danny Popovici (32 pp, Creston Books, 2017).
- Me and My Fear by Francesca Sanna (40 pp, Flying Eye Books, 2018).
- Rescue & Jessica: A Life-Changing Friendship by Jessica Kensky and Patrick Downes, illustrated by Scott Magoon (32 pp, Candlewick, 2018).
- Rock What Ya Got by Samantha Berger, illustrated by Kerascoet (40 pp, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- Trombone Shorty by Troy Andrews, illustrated by Bryan Collier (40 pp, Harry N. Abrams, 2015).
- You Are Your Strong by Danielle Dufayet, illustrated by Jennifer Zivoin (32 pp, Magination Press, available March 2019).





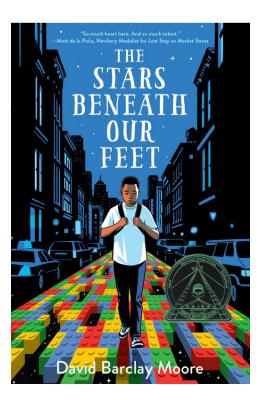




Moving Forward

Middle & Young Adult Readers

- American Road Trip by Patrick Flores-Scott (336 pp, Henry Holt, 2018).
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (368 pp, Puffin Books, 2016).
- (Don't) Call Me Crazy: 33 Voices Start the Conversation about Mental Health edited by Kelly Jensen (240 pp, Algonquin Young Readers, 2018).
- El Deafo by Cece Bell (248 pp, Harry N. Abrams, 2014).
- Failing Up: How to Take Risks, Aim Higher, and Never Stop Learning by Leslie Odom Jr. (208 pp, Feiwel & Friends, 2018).
- Genesis Begins Again by Alicia D. Williams (384 pp, Atheneum, 2019).
- George by Alex Gino (224 pp, Scholastic, 2018).
- Ghost by Jason Reynolds (208 pp, Atheneum, 2017).
- Hey, Kiddo by Jarrett J. Krosoczka (320 pp, Graphix, 2018).
- Merci Suárez Changes Gears by Meg Medina (368 pp, Candlewick, 2018).
- Raymie Nightingale by Kate DiCamillo (288 pp, Candlewick, 2016).
- Restart by Gordon Korman (256 pp, Scholastic, 2018).
- The Stars Beneath Our Feet by David Barclay Moore (304 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017).
- Unclaimed Baggage by Jen Doll (384 pp, Farrar, Straus and Giroux, 2018).
- What I Leave Behind by Alison McGhee (208 pp, Atheneum, 2018).

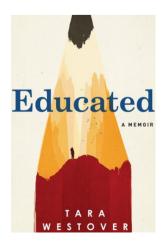




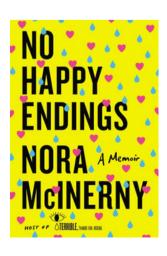


Moving Forward

- Be Fearless: 5 Principles for a Lifetime of Breakthroughs and Purpose by Jean Case (272 pp, Simon & Schuster, 2019).
- The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu (384 pp, Avery, 2016).
- Educated by Tara Westover (352 pp, Random House, 2018).
- Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman (352 pp, Pamela Dorman Books, 2017).
- Everything Here Is Beautiful by Mira T. Lee (368 pp, Pamela Dorman Books, 2018).
- Girls Burn Brighter by Shobha Rao (320 pp, Flatiron Books, 2018).
- The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah (448 pp, St. Martin's Press, 2018).
- Halsey Street by Naima Coster (336 pp, Little A, 2018).
- Hunger by Roxane Gay (320 pp, Harper Perennial, 2018).
- In Every Moment We Are Still Alive by Tom Malmquist (240 pp, Melville House, 2018).
- No Happy Endings by Nora McInerny (288 pp, Dey Street Books, available March 2019).
- The Recovering: Intoxication and Its Aftermath by Leslie Jamison (544 pp, Little, Brown and Co, 2018).
- Rising Strong: How the Ability to Reset Transforms the Way We Live, Love, Parent, and Lead by Brené Brown (352 pp, Spiegel & Grau, 2015).
- Where the Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens (384 pp, G.P. Putnam's Sons, 2018).





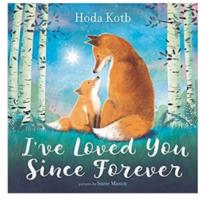




We Are Family

- Carmela Full of Wishes by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (40 pp, G.P. Putnam's Sons Books for Young Readers, 2018).
- Donuts with Dad by Margaret Bernstein, illustrated by Lincoln Adams (28 pp, Halo Publishing, 2018).
- Dreamers by Yuyi Morales (40 pp, Neal Porter Books, 2018).
- Fry Bread: A Native American Family Story by Kevin Noble Maillard, illustrated by Juana Martinez-Neal (48 pp, Roaring Brook Press, available October 2019).
- Gondra's Treasure by Linda Sue Park, illustrated by Jennifer Black Reinhardt (40 pp, Clarion Books, 2019).
- Here and There by Tamara Ellis Smith, illustrated by Evelyn Daviddi (32 pp, Barefoot Books, 2019).
- I've Loved You Since Forever by Hoda Kotb, illustrated by Suzie Mason (32 pp, HarperCollins, 2018).
- My Footprints by Bao Phi, illustrated by Basia Tran (32 pp, Capstone, available September 2019).
- Marvelous Maravilloso: Me and My Beautiful Family by Carrie Lara, illustrated by Christine Battuz (32 pp, Magination Press, 2018).
- Ojiichan's Gift by Chieri Uegaki, illustrated by Genevieve Simms (32 pp, Kids Can Press, 2019).
- Saturday by Oge Mora (40 pp, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, available October 2019).
- When Aidan Became a Brother by Kyle Lukoff, illustrated by Kaylani Juanita (32 pp, Lee & Low Books, 2019).
- Who's in My Family? by Robie H. Harris, illustrated by Nadine Bernard Westcott (40 pp, Candlewick, 2012).









We Are Family

Middle & Young Adult Readers

- Caterpillar Summer by Gillian McDunn (304 pp, Bloomsbury, 2019).
- The Crossover by Kwame Alexander (256 pp, HMH Books for Young Readers, 2019).
- The Far Away Brothers: Two Teenage Immigrants Making a Life in America (Adapted for Young Adults) by Lauren Markham, (288 pp, Delacorte Press, 2019).
- For Black Girls Like Me by Mariama J. Lockington (336 pp, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2019).
- Hotel Dare by Terry Blas, illustrated by Claudia Aguirre (144 pages, KaBOOM!, 2019).
- The House that Lou Built by Mae Respicio (240 pp, Wendy Lamb Books, 2018).
- Hurricane Season by Nicole Melleby (288 pp, Algonquin Young Readers, 2019).
- I Was Their American Dream by Malaka Gharib (160 pp, Clarkson Potter, 2019).
- Little Women by Louisa May Alcott (480 pp, Amulet, first published 1869, movie tie-in 2019).
- On the Come Up by Angie Thomas (464 pp, Balzer + Bray, 2019).
- Relative Strangers by Paula Garner (368 pp, Candlewick, 2018).
- The Remarkable Journey of Coyote Sunrise by Dan Gemeinhart (352 pp, Henry Holt, 2019).
- This Time Will Be Different by Misa Sugiura (400 pp, Harper Teen, 2019).
- What Momma Left Me by Renée Watson (240 pp, Bloomsbury YA, 2019).

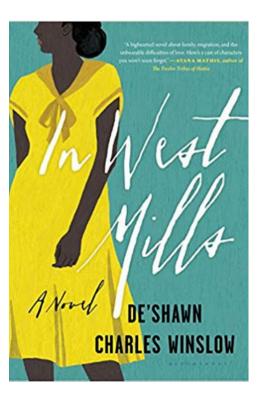


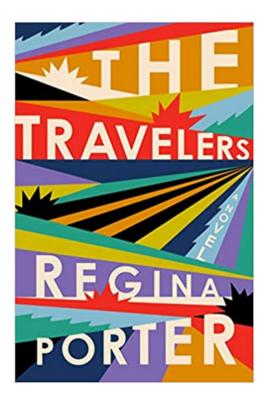




We Are Family

- Before We Were Yours by Lisa Wingate (368 pp, Ballantine, 2019).
- How to Be a Family: The Year I Dragged My Kids Around the World to Find a New Way to Be Together by Dan Kois (336 pp, Little, Brown, available September 2019).
- In West Mills by De'Shawn Charles Winslow (272 pp, Bloomsbury Publishing, 2019).
- Lost Children Archive by Valeria Luiselli (400 pp, Knopf, 2019).
- The Lager Queen of Minnesota by J. Ryan Stradal (368 pp, Pamela Dorman Books, 2019).
- The Most Fun We Ever Had by Claire Lombardo (544 pp, Doubleday, 2019).
- Natalie Tan's Book of Love and Fortune by Roselle Lim (320 pp, Berkeley, 2019).
- On Earth We're Briefly Gorgeous by Ocean Vuong (256 pp, Penguin Press, 2019).
- Patsy by Nicole Dennis-Benn (432 pp, Liveright, 2019).
- Searching for Sylvie Lee by Jean Kwok (341 pp, William Morrow, 2019).
- Small Fry by Lisa Brennan-Jobs (400 pp, Grove, 2018).
- The Travelers by Regina Porter (320 pp, Hogarth, 2019).
- Where the Dead Sit Talking by Brandon Hobson (288 pp, Soho Press, 2019).

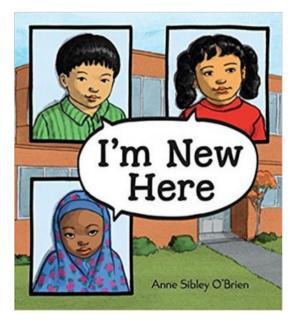


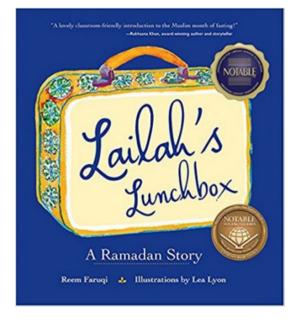




Many Voices

- Dario and the Whale by Cheryl Lawton Malone, illustrated by Bistra Masseva (32 pp, Albert Whitman & Company, 2016).
- A Different Pond by Bao Phi, illustrated by Thi Bui (32 pp, Capstone Young Readers, available August 2017).
- I'm New Here by Anne Sibley O'Brien (32 pp, Charlesbridge, 2015).
- Lailah's Lunchbox: A Ramadan Story by Reem Faruqi, illustrated by Lea Lyon (32 pp, Tilbury House Publishers, 2015).
- Mango, Abuela, and Me by Meg Medina, illustrated by Angela Dominguez (32 pp, Candlewick, 2015).
- A Piece of Home by Jeri Watts, illustrated by Hyewon Yum (32 pp, Candlewick, 2016).
- This Is the Rope: A Story from the Great Migration by Jacqueline Woodson, illustrated by James Ransome (32 pp, Nancy Paulsen Books, 2013).
- Thunder Boy Jr. by Sherman Alexie, illustrated by Yuyi Morales (40 pp, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2016).
- We're All Wonders by R. J. Palacio (32 pp, Knopf Books for Young Readers, 2017).



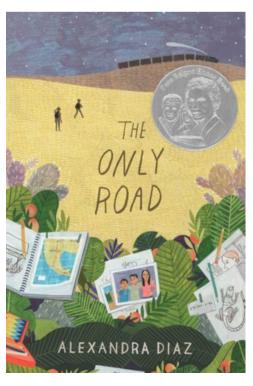


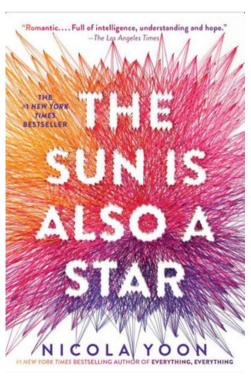


Many Voices

Middle Readers

- American Street by Ibi Zoboi (336 pp, Balzer + Bray, 2017).
- Amina's Voice by Hena Khan (208 pp, Salaam Reads/Simon & Schuster Books for Young Readers, 2017).
- The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian by Sherman Alexie (229 pp, Little, Brown Books for Young Readers, 2009).
- American Born Chinese by Gene Luen Yang (240 pp, Square Fish, 2008).
- Brown Girl Dreaming by Jacqueline Woodson (368 pp, Puffin Books, 2016).
- Flying Lessons and Other Stories edited by Ellen Oh (240 pp, Crown Books for Young Readers, 2017).
- Full Cicada Moon by Marilyn Hilton (400 pp, Puffin Books, 2017).
- Girl Rising: Changing the World One Girl at a Time by Tanya Lee Stone (208 pp, Wendy Lamb Books, 2017).
- The Hate U Give by Angie Thomas (464 pp, Balzer + Bray, 2017).
- How Dare the Sun Rise: Memoirs of a War Child by Sandra Uwiringiyimana (304 pp, Katherine Tegen Books, 2017).
- Listen, Slowly by Thanhha Lai (288 pages, HarperCollins, 2016).
- March: Book Three by John Lewis, Andrew Aydin, and Nate Powell (256 pp, Top Shelf Productions, 2016).
- The Only Road by Alexandra Diaz (320 pp, Simon & Schuster/Paula Wiseman Books, 2016).
- The Sun Is Also a Star by Nicola Yoon (384 pp, Delacorte Press, 2016).

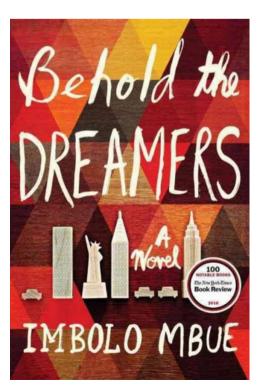


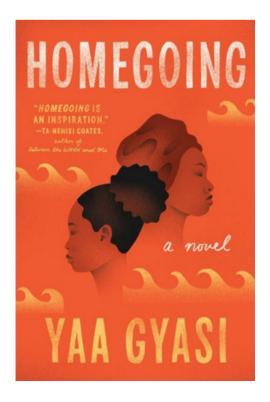




Many Voices

- Behold the Dreamers by Imbolo Mbue (400 pp, Random House, 2016).
- Between the World and Me by Ta-Nehisi Coates (176 pp, Spiegel & Grau, 2015).
- Born a Crime: Stories from a South African Childhood by Trevor Noah (304 pp, Spiegel & Grau, 2016).
- Exit West by Mohsin Hamid (240 pp, Riverhead Books, 2017).
- Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J. D. Vance (272 pp, Harper, 2016).
- Homegoing by Yaa Gyasi (320 pp, Vintage, 2017).
- In the Country We Love: My Family Divided by Diane Guerrero and Michelle Burford (272 pp, Henry Holt and Co., 2016).
- The Leavers by Lisa Ko (352 pp, Algonquin Books, 2017).
- New People by Danzy Senna (240 pp, Riverhead Books, available August 2017).
- The Round House by Louise Erdrich (368 pp, Harper Perennial, 2013).
- Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult (480 pp, Ballantine Books, 2016).
- Tell Me How It Ends by Valeria Luiselli (128 pp, Coffee House Press, 2017).
- The Wangs Vs. the World by Jade Chang (384 pp, Mariner Books, 2017).







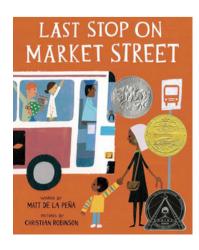
Good Neighbors

Young Readers

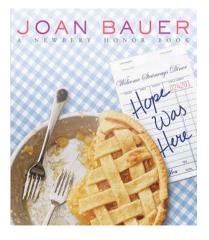
- Around Our Way on Neighbor's Day by Tameka Fryer Brown, illustrated by Charlotte Riley-Webb (32 pp, Harry N. Abrams, 2010).
- Last Stop on Market Street by Matt de la Peña, illustrated by Christian Robinson (32pp, G. P. Putnam, 2015).
- Look Where We Live! A First Book of Community Building by Scot Ritchie (32 pp, Kids Can Press, 2015).
- Maybe Something Beautiful: How Art Transformed a Neighborhood by F.
 Isabel Campoy and Theresa Howell, illustrated by Rafael López (40pp, HMH Books for Young Readers, 2016).
- The Mitten Tree by Candace Christiansen, illustrated by Elaine Greenstein (Fulcrum Publishing, 2009).
- One Hen: How One Small Loan Made a Big Difference by Kate Smith Milway, illustrated by Eugenie Fernandes (CitizenKid, 2008).
- Ordinary Mary's Extraordinary Deed by Emily Pearson, illustrated by Fumi Kosaka (Gibbs Smith, 2002).

Middle Readers

- All of the Above by Shelley Pearsall (234 pp, Little Brown, 2008).
- Book Uncle and Me by Uma Krishnaswami (96 pp, Goundwood Books, 2016).
- Hope Was Here by Joan Bauer (186 pp, Puffin Books, 2005).
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